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National Security Decision Memorandum 204

TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Secretary of Commerce

SUBJECT: Sale of Inertial Navigation Systems to the People's
Republic of China

The President has considered your memoranda on this subject and has decided that the United States should approve the export of eight inertial navigational systems to be included on four [REDACTED] aircraft, as well as that number of INS required for the three [REDACTED] sold to the People's Republic of China. He has disapproved transferring inertial guidance systems from the U.S. Munitions Control List.

Approval of the sale of INS in this specific case is subject to the following conditions:

- The manufacturer shall retain control by means of serial numbers and shall report annually to the Department of Commerce on maintenance and supply of spares for each unit.
- The equipment should be of the technology level of the [REDACTED] or the [REDACTED]
- Maintenance and repair standards should be of a Delco "level 0."
- The [REDACTED] sale shall provide only eight extra INS units.

Future export of INS shall continue to be decided on the merits of each case.


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